

BAR HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES- REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2008

ITEM 1
CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order. Present were: Weber, Albert, Handel, Haskell, Watson, Wheeler and Kreig.

ITEM 2
EXCUSED ABSENCES

Donnelly has moved out of town temporarily. Laureen would like to take a "temporary leave". Jill will ask the Council what the procedure should be.

ITEM 3
ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

There were no minutes from November meeting, as there was not a quorum. Review of October minutes will be added to the next agenda.

ITEM 4
ADOPTION OF AGENDA

John Kelly will not attend tonight's meeting to discuss culverts. The agenda was adopted as amended.

ITEM 5
OLD BUSINESS

- A. Dark Skies brochure and specs.(Mary Ann) - Peter Lord has contracted with ANP to write a brochure. Mary Ann will contact Peter to see what the current status is. We will discuss it with John Kelly next month when he comes to discuss culverts. Anne K. would like money from the budget to send the brochure to B. H. residents. Mary Ann will give the Council a Dark Skies update at tomorrow night's meeting. There is much publicity and commitment and to the concept - and the Boston Globe did an article on the Bar Harbor ordinance.
- B. Comments of meeting with Chip Reeves- Much discussion on the best way to approach the recycling, trash issue. The recycling market is down, so this is a good time to become educated and develop plans to tackle the issue. Perhaps we visit Georgetown ME, who has a successful program. We will keep this issue on the Agenda.
- C. NE Creek Brochure- Discussion of funding- Audubon- \$500.00. F.O.A.- \$300.00. MCHT-\$300.00. B. H. - \$200.00. We reviewed the brochure and made a few suggestions for changes. Anne K. will do a final edit. Jill will contact FOA and MCHT to get their logos. She will contact Audubon re their conditions and facts to include.

ITEM 6
NEW BUSINESS

- A. Culverts- John Kelly did not attend.
- B. Wind Power ordinance- Kris Hultgren discussed issues and language regarding height measurement of the turbines. Much discussion on the aesthetics of wind turbines- do we want to encourage them? What is the impact on wildlife? We agreed we will not, at this point, take a stand on whether or not to support wind turbines. We would like more facts.
- C. Staff Reports-
 - Kris discussed the upcoming Wetlands and Vernal pool workshop to be held on Wed. night. A scientist will be recruiting volunteers for spring field verification of "significant" vernal pools.
 - Anne K. - We'd like to ask for \$1,500.00. to publish a pamphlet and to pay an "August speaker". We discussed asking for money for recycling receptacles to put next to existing trash receptacles down town. We voted "To approve the idea of recycling receptacles in concept, so it can be discussed by the town staff for feasibility."
 - We discussed the Conservation Commission's Work Plan report to be given to the Town Council tomorrow night. Mary Ann will present it...Carla will attend.
 - Anne K. will see if we will have money in the budget for Water Quality Monitoring and also, for a Conservation Summit. Cool Cities idea will be discussed later.

ITEM 7
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 55 pm.